

Texas for such cases made and provided,"

Have had same under consideration and beg leave to report same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and that it be not printed.

Murray, Alexander, Hudspeth, Veale, Green, Kellie, Grinnan.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 5, 1907.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 208, A bill to be entitled "An Act to validate sales of public school lands to actual settlers in such cases as the applicant or assignee did not settle within the time required by law or did not file within the time required by law the affidavit of settlement, but did settle and continue to reside upon the land in good faith,"

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

Murray, Willacy, Green, Alexander, Veale, Kellie.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 2, 1907.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred

Senate Joint Resolution No. 11, Joint Resolution to amend Section 2, Article VIII, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, relating to certain exemptions from taxation,

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

HARPER, Chairman.

FORTY-THIRD DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas,
Wednesday, March 6, 1907.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Lieutenant Governor A. B. Davidson in the chair.

Roll call, quorum present, the following answering to their names:

Alexander.	Chambers.
Barrett.	Cunningham.
Brachfield.	Faust.

Green.	Murray.
Greer.	Paulus.
Grinnan.	Senter.
Harbison.	Skinner.
Harper.	Smith.
Holsey.	Stokes.
Hudspeth.	Stone.
Kellie.	Terrell.
Looney.	Veale.
Masterson.	Watson.
Mayfield.	Willacy.
Meachum.	

Absent.

Griggs.

Absent—Excused.

Glascock.

Prayer by Rev. H. M. Sears, Chaplain of the Senate.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, on motion of Senator Stone, the same was dispensed with.

(See Appendix for committee reports.)

EXCUSED.

On motion of Senator Harbison, Senator Paulus was excused from attendance upon the Senate for Monday and yesterday, on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Paulus, Senator Griggs was excused from attendance upon the Senate for today, on account of important business.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senators Stone and Barrett:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7, A resolution providing for the appointment of a special committee to investigate the cost of the life-size picture of David Crockett, now hanging on the walls of the first floor of the Capitol, and which is the property of Mrs. Huddle, with the view of purchasing same;

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Finance.

By Senator Stone:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8, A resolution providing for appropriations to refund to the Texas Central Railroad Company certain taxes paid by it under Love's gross receipts act.

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Finance.

By Senator Willacy:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 9, Whereas, There are now on hand in the Attorney General's Department a number of law books of which later edi-

tions have been published, rendering the old editions practically obsolete, and also certain articles of furniture which are not suited to the needs of that department; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That the Attorney General shall be and he is hereby authorized to sell or exchange for law books, at such prices and on such basis as he may deem to the best interest of the State, any and all such books and furniture, and to invest the proceeds of any and all such sales in law books for said department.

Read first time, and laid on the table subject to call.

By Senator Veale:

Senate bill No. 243, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating Lubbock Independent School District, and authorizing incorporation thereof, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

By Senators Meachum, Willacy and Alexander:

Senate bill No. 244, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the Governor of Texas and the Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds to expend the sum of \$10,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, in purchasing and having erected a suitable monument of Texas granite over the grave of Gen. Sam Houston at Huntsville, Texas, having said grave enclosed by a suitable iron fence and for improving and properly caring for such grave, providing an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Finance.

By Senator Stone (by request):

Senate bill No. 245, A bill to be entitled "An Act to so amend Chapter 64, Acts Regular Session of the Twenty-ninth Legislature, page 91, as to extend its provisions to those engaged in the business or occupation of ordering spirituous, vinous or intoxicating liquors and to make it unlawful to permit them to be drunk at any place provided by such person, firm or association of persons, their agents or employes, for that purpose; and prescribing penalties."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Senator Grinnan:

Senate bill No. 246, A bill to be entitled "An Act for the relief of railway

corporations having charters granted or amended since the first day of January, 1906, and which have failed, or are about to fail, to construct their roads and branches, or any part thereof, within the time required by law."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

By Senator Green:

Senate bill No. 247, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 642 of Chapter 2, Title XXI of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1895, as amended by the Acts of the Twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth, Twenty-seventh, Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth Legislatures, by adding thereto Subdivision —, authorizing the formation of corporations for the purpose of guaranteeing title to land, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Public Lands and Land Office.

By Senator Alexander:

Senate bill No. 248, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 642 of Chapter —, Title XXI of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1895, as amended by the Acts of the Twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth, Twenty-seventh, Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth Legislatures by adding thereto Subdivision 64, permitting incorporation of auditing companies, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senators Cunningham, Barrett and Brachfield:

Senate bill No. 249, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4308 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1895, as amended by the act of 1899, providing for the appointment of such weighers in certain cities shall be made from counties other than those in which such cities are situated."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senators Brachfield, Cunningham and Barrett:

Senate bill No. 250, A bill to be entitled "An Act to instruct and make it the duty of the Railway Commission of the State of Texas to make and promulgate a freight tariff on cotton and wool, by the operation of which railways and other common carriers in Texas will not be allowed to charge a higher rate of freight from any place in Texas to Texas ports than between other places in said State, for a similar

distance, and to repeal all laws and rules in conflict herewith."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

By Senator Senter:

Senate bill No. 251, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 642 of Chapter 2, Title XXI of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1895, declaring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Senter:

Senate bill No. 252, A bill to be entitled "An Act to require railroad companies chartered under the laws of the State of Texas, and doing business in this State, to purchase sufficient rolling stock and motive power to handle all passenger and freight traffic comfortably, expeditiously, and without unreasonable delay, and conferring authority upon the Railroad Commission of Texas to require compliance with the provisions of this act, and prescribing penalties for their failure to do so or to observe orders made therein by the Railroad Commission of Texas."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

By Senator Senter:

Senate bill No. 253, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4577, Chapter 13, Title XCIV of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1895, relating to railroads."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

Morning call concluded.

HOUSE MESSAGE.

Hall of the House of Representatives, Austin, Texas; March 6, 1907.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following:

Senate bill No. 55, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the commissioners courts of the several counties of Texas to create and establish drainage districts; to construct canals, drains and ditches; to make levees, improve streams and water courses, and make other improvements for the purpose of drainage; to order and hold elections for the purpose of voting on drainage propositions, and authorizing the issuance of bonds and levy of tax, and to issue bonds in payment for such drain-

age improvements and the maintenance thereof, and to levy and collect taxes for the payment of such bonds, the appointing of drainage commissioners and all other necessary officers of such drainage districts for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this act; granting the right of eminent domain to such drainage districts, and authorizing the drainage commissioners to acquire by purchase, gift or grant for such district title to any right of way and other property, and generally authorizing the county commissioners court and the drainage commissioners to do all things necessary for the establishment of such districts, according to the provisions of this act," etc., with amendments.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 18, Authorizing the Attorney General to sell or exchange certain law books and certain articles of furniture now in the Attorney General's Department.

Respectfully,

BOB BARKER,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

HOUSE BILL NO. 184.

The Chair here laid before the Senate, on second reading and under the rule, House bill No. 5, and

On motion of Senator Grinnan, the pending order of business (House bill No. 5) was suspended, and the Senate took up, out of its order, House bill No. 184.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House bill No. 184, A bill to be entitled "An Act for the relief of the present owners and occupants and their heirs and assigns of three surveys of land situated in Comanche county, consisting of one-third league each, one of which was patented to the heirs of Thomas J. Blakemore by patent No. 85, Vol. 16, issued on the 4th day of October, 1859, one patented to the heirs of Joseph J. Blakemore by patent No. 84, Vol. 16, issued on the 4th day of October, 1859, and one patented to the heirs of Joseph Blakemore by patent No. 278, Vol. 15, issued on the 11th day of February, 1861, whereby the State of Texas relinquishes to said owners and occupants of said land whatever right, title or interest there may be in the State of Texas to escheat said land by reason of the fact that the heirs of the original grantees inherited said land at a time that Texas was a Republic and while they, the said heirs, were aliens to the said Republic of Texas, without thereafter complying with the provi-

sions of the Constitution of the Republic of Texas for such cases made and provided."

On motion of Senator Grinnan the committee report, which provided that the bill be not printed, was adopted.

The bill was read second time, and passed to a third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 52.

On motion of Senator Alexander, the pending order of business (House bill No. 5) was suspended, and the Senate took up, out of its order, House bill No. 52.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading.

House bill No. 52, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring all railway corporations or receivers or lessees operating a line of railway in the State of Texas to equip its locomotive engines with electric headlights of not less than 1500 candle power without the aid of a reflector, or other headlights of not less than 1500 candle power without the aid of a reflector, and providing a penalty for the violation of this act."

Bill read second time, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Alexander the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Alexander.	Mayfield.
Barrett.	Meachum.
Brachfield.	Murray.
Chambers.	Paulus.
Cunningham.	Senter.
Faust.	Skinner.
Green.	Smith.
Greer.	Stokes.
Grinnan.	Stone.
Harper.	Terrell.
Holsey.	Veale.
Looney.	Willacy.
Masterson.	

Absent.

Harbison.	Kellie.
Hudspeth.	Watson.

Absent—Excused.

Glasscock.	Griggs.
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The bill was read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—27.

Alexander.	Brachfield.
Barrett.	Chambers.

Cunningham.	Meachum.
Faust.	Murray.
Green.	Paulus.
Greer.	Senter.
Grinnan.	Skinner.
Harbison.	Smith.
Harper.	Stokes.
Holsey.	Stone.
Hudspeth.	Terrell.
Looney.	Veale.
Masterson.	Willacy.
Mayfield.	

Absent.

Kellie.	Watson.
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Absent—Excused.

Glasscock.	Griggs.
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Senator Alexander moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 204.

On motion of Senator Faust, the pending order of business (House bill No. 5) was suspended, and the Senate took up, out of its order, House bill No. 204.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading.

House bill No. 204, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 58 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Texas, reorganizing the Twenty-third, Twenty-fourth, Twenty-fifth, Thirty-sixth and Forty-ninth Judicial Districts of the State of Texas, and fixing the time of holding district courts therein, so as to change the time of holding district court in Gonzales county, and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Senator Faust, the committee report, which provided that the bill be not printed, was adopted.

Bill read second time, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Faust, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—27.

Alexander.	Grinnan.
Barrett.	Harbison.
Brachfield.	Harper.
Chambers.	Holsey.
Cunningham.	Hudspeth.
Faust.	Looney.
Green.	Masterson.
Greer.	Mayfield.

Meachum. Stokes.
Murray. Stone.
Paulus. Terrell.
Senter. Veale.
Skinner. Willacy.
Smith.

Absent.

Kellie. Watson.

Absent—Excused.

Glasscock. Griggs.

The bill was read third time and passed.

Senator Faust moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 73.

On motion of Senator Mayfield, the pending order of business (House bill No. 5) was suspended, and the Senate took up, out of its order, House bill No. 73.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House bill No. 73, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prevent the drinking of intoxicating liquors on passenger trains and coaches in this State."

The bill was read second time, and passed to a third reading.

Senator Mayfield moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed to a third reading, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 126—REFUSE TO TAKE UP.

Senator Harper moved that the pending order of business (House bill No. 5) be suspended, and the Senate take up, out of its order, House bill No. 126, and

Senator Chambers moved to table the motion, which motion to table was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays being called for:

Yeas—14.

Alexander. Masterson.
Barrett. Meachum.
Brachfield. Murray.
Chambers. Senter.
Cunningham. Stone.
Faust. Terrell.
Grinnan. Willacy.

Nays—10.

Green. Harbison.
Greer. Harper.

Holsey. Smith.
Looney. Stokes.
Paulus. Veale.

Absent.

Hudspeth. Skinner.
Kellie. Watson.
Mayfield.

Absent—Excused.

Glasscock. Griggs.

HOUSE BILL NO. 304.

On motion of Senator Green, the pending order of business (House bill No. 5) was suspended, and the Senate took up, out of its order, House bill No. 304.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House bill No. 304, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system and law for Medina county, Texas."

On motion of Senator Green, the committee report, which provided that the bill be not printed, was adopted.

Bill read second time, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Green, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—26.

Alexander. Masterson.
Barrett. Mayfield.
Brachfield. Meachum.
Chambers. Murray.
Cunningham. Paulus.
Faust. Senter.
Green. Skinner.
Greer. Smith.
Grinnan. Stokes.
Harbison. Stone.
Harper. Terrell.
Kellie. Veale.
Looney. Willacy.

Absent.

Holsey. Watson.
Hudspeth.

Absent—Excused.

Glasscock. Griggs.

The bill was read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—26.

Alexander. Brachfield.
Barrett. Chambers

Cunningham.	Meachum.
Faust.	Murray.
Green.	Paulus.
Greer.	Senter.
Grinnan	Skinner.
Harbison.	Smith.
Harper.	Stokes.
Kellie.	Stone.
Looney.	Terrell.
Masterson.	Veale.
Mayfield.	Willacy.

Absent.

Holsey.	Watson.
Hudspeth.	

Absent—Excused.

Glasscock.	Griggs.
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Senator Green moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 63 AND 173.

On motion of Senator Meachum, the pending order of business (House bill No. 5) was suspended, and the Senate took up, out of its order, Committee Substitute House bill No. 63 and 173.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

Committee Substitute House bill No. 63 and 173, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3698, Chapter 6, of Title 79, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1895, relative to the salaries of the under officers and employes of the State penitentiaries of Texas."

Senator Meachum offered the following amendment, which was adopted:

Amend the caption by adding after the word "Texas" in line 19 of printed bill, the words "and declaring an emergency."

Pending discussion, Senator Kellie moved the previous question on the bill, which motion, being duly seconded, was so ordered.

The bill was read second time, and passed to a third reading by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Alexander.	Kellie.
Barrett.	Looney.
Brachfield.	Masterson.
Chambers.	Meachum.
Cunningham.	Paulus.
Faust.	Senter.
Green.	Skinner.
Hudspeth.	Stokes.

Stone.	Watson.
Terrell.	Willacy.
Veale.	

Nays—8.

Greer.	Holsey.
Grinnan.	Mayfield.
Harbison.	Murray.
Harper.	Smith.

Absent—Excused.

Glasscock.	Griggs.
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Senator Meachum moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and the bill be put on its third reading and final passage. The motion was lost by the following vote, a four-fifths vote being required:

Yeas—23.

Alexander.	Murray.
Barrett.	Paulus.
Brachfield.	Senter.
Chambers.	Skinner.
Cunningham.	Smith.
Faust.	Stokes.
Green.	Stone.
Hudspeth.	Terrell.
Kellie.	Veale.
Looney.	Watson.
Masterson.	Willacy.
Meachum.	

Nays—6.

Greer.	Harper.
Grinnan.	Holsey.
Harbison.	Mayfield.

Absent—Excused.

Glasscock.	Griggs.
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Senator Holsey here moved to reconsider the vote by which the motion to suspend the constitutional rule was lost, which motion was adopted.

On motion of Senator Meachum the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Alexander.	Looney.
Barrett.	Masterson.
Brachfield.	Meachum.
Chambers.	Murray.
Cunningham.	Paulus.
Faust.	Senter.
Green.	Skinner.
Harbison.	Smith.
Holsey.	Stokes.
Hudspeth.	Stone.
Kellie.	Terrell.

Veale. **Willacy.**
Watson.

Nays—4.

Greer. **Harper.**
Grinnan. **Mayfield.**

Absent—Excused.

Glasscock. **Griggs.**

The bill was read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Alexander.	Masterson.
Barrett.	Meachum.
Brachfield.	Paulus.
Chambers.	Skinner.
Cunningham.	Stokes.
Faust.	Stone.
Green.	Terrell.
Harbison.	Veale.
Hudspeth.	Watson.
Kellie.	Willacy.
Looney.	

Nays—8.

Greer.	Mayfield.
Grinnan.	Murray.
Harper.	Senter.
Holsey.	Smith.

Absent—Excused.

Glasscock. **Griggs.**

Senator Meachum moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 292.

On motion of Senator Skinner, the pending order of business (House bill No. 5) was suspended, and the Senate took up, out of its order, House bill No. 292.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House bill No. 292, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 144 of the General Laws of the Twenty-ninth Legislature, creating Midlothian Independent School District so as to more clearly define the boundaries of said district, and validating all acts of said incorporation, and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Senator Skinner, the committee report, which provided that the bill be not printed, was adopted.

Bill read second time, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Skinner, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be

read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—27.

Alexander.	Mayfield.
Barrett.	Meachum.
Brachfield.	Murray.
Chambers.	Paulus.
Faust.	Senter.
Green.	Skinner.
Greer.	Smith.
Grinnan.	Stokes.
Harbison.	Stone.
Harper.	Terrell.
Holsey.	Veale.
Kellie.	Watson.
Looney.	Willacy.
Masterson.	

Absent.

Cunningham. **Hudspeth.**

Absent—Excused.

Glasscock. **Griggs.**

The bill was read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—26.

Alexander.	Masterson.
Barrett.	Mayfield.
Brachfield.	Meachum.
Chambers.	Murray.
Faust.	Paulus.
Green.	Senter.
Greer.	Skinner.
Grinnan.	Smith.
Harbison.	Stokes.
Harper.	Stone.
Holsey.	Terrell.
Kellie.	Veale.
Looney.	Willacy.

Absent.

Cunningham. **Watson.**
Hudspeth.

Absent—Excused.

Glasscock. **Griggs.**

Senator Skinner moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 5—MADE SPECIAL ORDER.

Action here recurred on House bill No. 5 (the Pure Food Bill), and Senator Stone moved that further consideration of the bill be postponed for today

and make it a special order for Thursday, March 14, and

Senator Veale moved, as a substitute, that the bill be made a special order for tomorrow morning after the conclusion of the morning call.

Action being on the substitute motion first, the same was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—13.

Alexander.	Masterson.
Chambers.	Mayfield.
Green.	Meachum.
Harbison.	Skinner.
Harper.	Smith.
Holsey.	Veale.
Looney.	

Nays—13.

Brachfield.	Murray.
Cunningham.	Paulus.
Faust.	Stokes.
Greer.	Stone.
Grinnan.	Watson.
Hudspeth.	Willacy.
Kellie.	

Absent.

Barrett.	Terrell.
Senter.	

Absent—Excused.

Glasscock.	Griggs.
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The vote being a tie, Lieutenant Governor Davidson voted "yea," and declared the substitute motion adopted.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading, and regular order,

House Joint Resolution No. 7, Joint Resolution amending Section 3, Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, increasing the amount of tax that may be voted on school districts and providing for a majority vote of the property tax paying voters of such district to vote such tax.

The question being on the committee report, which recommended that the resolution pass with the following amendments:

Amend page 2, line 10, by adding after the word "erection," the following: "And equipment."

On motion of Senator Barrett, the committee report was adopted.

Senator Looney offered the following amendment, which was adopted:

Amend House Joint Resolution No. 7, page 2, by adding after the word "State" in lines 19 and 21, the following: "Relating to public free schools."

Senator Barrett offered the following amendment, which was adopted:

Amend House Joint Resolution No. 7, page 2, lines 15 and 16, by striking out the words "on the first Tuesday in August, A. D. 1907," and insert, "at the next general election or at a special election called by the Governor," in lieu thereof.

(Senator Murray in the chair.)

Senator Smith offered the following amendment:

Amend Section 1, line 5, page 2, by striking out the words, "a majority," and insert "two-thirds."

Senator Barrett moved to table the amendment, which motion to table was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Alexander.	Kellie.
Barrett.	Looney.
Brachfield.	Mayfield.
Chambers.	Meachum.
Cunningham.	Paulus.
Faust.	Skinner.
Green.	Stokes.
Greer.	Terrell.
Grinnan.	Veale.
Harper.	Watson.
Holsey.	

Nays—4.

Murray.	Stone.
Smith.	Willacy.

Absent.

Harbison.	Masterson.
Hudspeth.	Senter.

Absent—Excused.

Glasscock.	Griggs.
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The resolution was read second time, and passed to a third reading.

RECESS.

On motion of Senator Looney, the Senate, at 12:25 o'clock, recessed until 2:30 o'clock today.

AFTER RECESS.

The Senate was called to order by Lieutenant Governor Davidson.

HOUSE BILL NO. 14.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House bill No. 14, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the city council of all cities and towns incorporated under the General Laws of this

State to regulate the charges and fix the rates to be charges by all water companies or persons engaged in supplying water, gas and light to the public within the limits of said cities or towns, and occupying the streets and other public places for that purpose, and to prescribe reasonable rules and regulations therefor, and to protect said companies and corporations or persons from imposition."

There being a favorable minority committee report, and an unfavorable majority committee report,

Senator Harper moved the adoption of the minority committee report, and

Senator Stone moved as a substitute the adoption of the majority committee report.

Pending discussion, Senator Stone moved the previous question on the pending motions, which motion being duly seconded, was so ordered.

Question then recurred on the substitute motion, which motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—10.

Chambers.	Murray.
Hudspeth.	Paulus.
Kellie.	Stone.
Masterson.	Watson.
Meachum.	Willacy.

Nays—16.

Alexander.	Holsey.
Barrett.	Looney.
Brachfield.	Mayfield.
Cunningham.	Senter.
Green.	Skinner.
Greer.	Smith.
Grinnan.	Terrell.
Harper.	Veale.

Absent.

Harbison.

Absent—Excused.

Glasscock.	Griggs.
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PAIRED.

Senator Faust (present), who would vote "yea," with Senator Stokes (absent), who would vote "nay."

Action then recurred on the motion to adopt the minority report, and on that motion Senator Stone moved a call of the Senate.

The motion was duly seconded, and Senator Looney made a point of order on the call of the Senate that the Senate was operating under the previous question, which, in effect, was the same as a motion to table.

The Chair overruled the point of order, and directed the roll called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Present—28.

Alexander.	Looney.
Barrett.	Masterson.
Brachfield.	Mayfield.
Chambers.	Meachum.
Cunningham.	Murray.
Faust.	Paulus.
Green.	Senter.
Greer.	Skinner.
Grinnan.	Smith.
Harbison.	Stone.
Harper.	Terrell.
Holsey.	Veale.
Hudspeth.	Watson.
Kellie.	Willacy.

Absent.

Stokes.

Absent—Excused.

Glasscock.	Griggs.
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Senator Looney moved to excuse the absentees, which motion was lost by the following vote, a two-thirds vote being necessary:

Yeas—17.

Alexander.	Looney.
Barrett.	Mayfield.
Brachfield.	Paulus.
Cunningham.	Senter.
Green.	Skinner.
Greer.	Smith.
Grinnan.	Terrell.
Harper.	Veale.
Holsey.	

Nays—11.

Chambers.	Meachum.
Faust.	Murray.
Harbison.	Stone.
Hudspeth.	Watson.
Kellie.	Willacy.
Masterson.	

Absent.

Stokes.

Absent—Excused.

Glasscock.	Griggs.
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SENATE BILL NO. 55—FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON.

Senator Masterson called up, as a privileged matter, Senate bill No. 55—the drainage bill—and moved that the Senate do not concur in the following House amendments, and asked for a free conference committee:

(1)

Amend the bill, page 10, Section 28, line 30, by striking out the words "equal to twice," and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"To be approved by the county commissioners court of said county for an amount not less than."

(2)

Amend Section 31, by adding at the end thereof the following:

"It shall be the duty of the county tax assessor, when ordered to do so by the county commissioners court, to assess all property within such drainage districts and list the same for taxation in the books or rolls furnished him by said commissioners court for that purpose and return said books or rolls at the same time when he returns the other books or rolls of the State and county taxes, for correction and approval; and if the said commissioners court shall find said books or rolls correct, they shall approve the same and order the county clerk to issue a warrant against the county treasurer in favor of said tax assessor to be paid from the funds of said drainage district. The tax assessor shall receive for said services such compensation as the said county commissioners court shall deem proper to compensate him for the amount of work done, provided that said county assessor shall in no event be allowed less than what he is now allowed by law for the like services. Should the tax assessor fail or refuse to comply with the orders of the commissioners court requiring him to assess and list for taxation all the property in such drainage districts as herein provided, he shall be suspended from the further discharge of his duties by the commissioners court of his county, and he shall be removed from office in the mode prescribed by law for the removal of county officers."

(3)

Amend Section 33, line 12, by striking out the word "commissioner" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "commissioners," and line 13 of same section by striking out the word "purchaser" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "purchasers."

(4)

Amend page 2 by striking out the words "signed by 25 or a majority," in lines 11 and 12 and insert in lieu thereof "signed by one-third."

(5)

Amend Section 32 by adding at the end thereof the following:

"The county commissioners court shall require the tax collector of the county to give an additional bond or security in such a sum as they may deem proper and safe to secure the collection of said taxes; and should any collector of taxes fail or refuse to give such additional bond or security as herein provided, when requested by the commissioners court, within the time prescribed by law for such purposes, he shall be suspended from office by the commissioners court of his county, and immediately thereafter be removed from office in the mode prescribed by law."

(6)

Amend Section 5 by adding in line 26 the words "not more than" before the words "two dollars."

(7)

Amend Section 27 by adding in line 24 after the word "accrued" the word "interest."

The motion to non-concur was adopted, and

The Chair (Lieutenant Governor Davidson) announced the appointment of the following Free Conference Committee:

Senators Griggs, Masterson, Murray, Kellie and Willacy.

HOUSE BILL NO. 14.

Here Senator Stokes, who was the only absentee, appeared in the Senate and the Chair directed the roll called, the following Senators answering to their names, which completed a full Senate, except those who had been previously excused:

Yeas—29.

Alexander.	Masterson.
Barrett.	Mayfield.
Brachfield.	Meachum.
Chambers.	Murray.
Cunningham.	Paulus.
Faust.	Senter.
Green.	Skinner.
Greer.	Smith.
Grinnan.	Stokes.
Harbison.	Stone.
Harper.	Terrell.
Holsey.	Veale.
Hudspeth.	Watson.
Kellie.	Willacy.
Looney.	

Absent—Excused.

Glasscock.	Griggs.
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Action then recurred on the motion by Senator Harper to adopt the minority committee report on House bill No. 14, which motion was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—18.

Alexander.	Looney.
Barrett.	Mayfield.
Brachfield.	Paulus.
Cunningham.	Senter.
Green.	Skinner.
Greer.	Smith.
Grinnan.	Stokes.
Harper.	Terrell.
Holsey.	Veale.

Nays—11.

Chambers.	Meachum.
Faust.	Murray.
Harbison.	Stone.
Hudspeth.	Watson.
Kellie.	Willacy.
Masterson.	

Absent—Excused.

Glasscock.	Griggs.
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Senator Looney moved to reconsider the vote by which the motion was adopted, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

REFUSE TO ADJOURN.

Senator Chambers moved that the Senate adjourn until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, which motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—11.

Chambers.	Murray.
Faust.	Paulus.
Harbison.	Stone.
Hudspeth.	Watson.
Kellie.	Willacy.
Meachum.	

Nays—18.

Alexander.	Looney.
Barrett.	Masterson.
Brachfield.	Mayfield.
Cunningham.	Senter.
Green.	Skinner.
Greer.	Smith.
Grinnan.	Stokes.
Harper.	Terrell.
Holsey.	Veale.

Absent—Excused.

Glasscock.	Griggs.
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(President Pro Tem. Skinner in the chair.)

Senator Stone then moved that the

further consideration of the bill be postponed until March 16, and

Senator Chambers moved, as a substitute, that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until July 4.

Senator Looney moved to table the substitute motion and the original motion, and

Senator Harbison called for a division of the question.

The motion to table the substitute motion was put first, and the motion to table was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—17.

Alexander.	Looney.
Barrett.	Mayfield.
Brachfield.	Senter.
Cunningham.	Skinner.
Green.	Smith.
Greer.	Stokes.
Grinnan.	Terrell.
Harper.	Veale.
Holsey.	

Nays—11.

Chambers.	Murray.
Faust.	Paulus.
Harbison.	Stone.
Hudspeth.	Watson.
Kellie.	Willacy.
Masterson.	

Absent.

Meachum.

Absent—Excused.

Glasscock.	Griggs.
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Senator Chambers moved that the Senate adjourn until 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning, which motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—10.

Chambers.	Murray.
Faust.	Paulus.
Harbison.	Stone.
Hudspeth.	Watson.
Kellie.	Willacy.

Nays—18.

Alexander.	Looney.
Barrett.	Masterson.
Brachfield.	Mayfield.
Cunningham.	Senter.
Green.	Skinner.
Greer.	Smith.
Grinnan.	Stokes.
Harper.	Terrell.
Holsey.	Veale.

Absent.

Meachum.

Absent—Excused

Glasscock.	Griggs.
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Question then recurred on the motion to table the motion to postpone until March 16, and

Senator Stone moved a call of the Senate on the motion to table and the passage of the bill to a third reading, and the motion was seconded.

The roll was called, the following Senators answering to their names:

Present—27.

Alexander.	Looney.
Barrett.	Masterson.
Brachfield.	Mayfield.
Chambers.	Paulus.
Cunningham.	Senter.
Faust.	Skinner.
Green.	Smith.
Greer.	Stokes.
Grinnan.	Stone.
Harbison.	Terrell.
Harper.	Veale.
Holsey.	Watson.
Hudspeth.	Willacy.
Kellie.	

Absent.

Meachum. Murray.

Absent—Excused.

Glasscock. Griggs.

Senator Harper moved to excuse the absentees on the pending motion and the bill. The motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—18.

Alexander.	Looney.
Barrett.	Mayfield.
Brachfield.	Paulus.
Cunningham.	Senter.
Green.	Skinner.
Greer.	Smith.
Grinnan.	Stokes.
Harper.	Terrell.
Holsey.	Veale.

Nays—10.

Chambers.	Masterson.
Faust.	Murray.
Harbison.	Stone.
Hudspeth.	Watson.
Kellie.	Willacy.

Absent.

Meachum.

Absent—Excused.

Glasscock. Griggs.

The Sergeant-at-Arms was instructed to bring in the absentee.

HOUSE BILL NO. 366.

On motion of Senator Paulus, the pending order of business (House bill No. 16) was suspended, and the Senate took up, out of its order, House bill No. 366.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House bill No. 366, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter XIV, General Laws of the State of Texas, passed at the Regular Session of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Texas," etc.

On motion of Senator Paulus, the committee report, which provided that the bill be not printed, was adopted.

The bill was read second time, and passed to a third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 16.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House bill No. 16, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title I of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1895, relating to adoption of children, by adding thereto Article 2a, providing for the transfer by the natural to the adoptive parents of the custody and parental authority over an adopted child."

The bill was read second time, and passed to a third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 216.

On motion of Senator Smith, the pending order of business (House bill No. 46) was suspended, and the Senate took up, out of its order, House bill No. 216.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading and regular order,

House bill No. 216, A bill to be entitled "An Act regulating bail in criminal cases, and relating to mode of trial of the defendant in prosecutions for felonies, with an emergency clause."

Senator Smith offered the following amendment, which was adopted:

Amend line 1, page 2, Section 2, by striking out the word "hereby" and insert "thereby."

Senator Smith offered the following amendment, which was adopted:

Amend line 7, Section 4, page 3, by striking out the word "a" and insert "the."

Senator Smith offered the following amendment, which was adopted:

Amend line 27, Section 7, by striking out the word "security," and insert

"security," and amend line 28 of Section 7, by striking out the word "of" after the word "forfeiture."

Bill read second time, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Smith, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—26.

Alexander.	Masterson.
Barrett.	Mayfield.
Brachfield.	Murray.
Chambers.	Paulus.
Cunningham.	Senter.
Faust.	Skinner.
Green.	Smith.
Greer.	Stokes.
Grinnan.	Stone.
Harper.	Terrell.
Holsey.	Veale.
Kellie.	Watson.
Looney.	Willacy.

Nays—1.

Hudspeth.

Absent.

Harbison. Meachum.

Absent—Excused.

Glasscock. Griggs.

The bill was read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—26.

Alexander.	Looney.
Barrett.	Masterson.
Brachfield.	Mayfield.
Chambers.	Murray.
Cunningham.	Paulus.
Faust.	Senter.
Green.	Skinner.
Greer.	Smith.
Grinnan.	Stokes.
Harbison.	Terrell.
Harper.	Veale.
Holsey.	Watson.
Kellie.	Willacy.

Nays—2.

Hudspeth. Stone.

Absent.

Meachum.

Absent—Excused.

Glasscock. Griggs.

Senator Smith moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 84.

On motion of Senator Looney, the pending order of business (House bill No. 46) was suspended, and the Senate took up, out of its order, House bill No. 84.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House bill No. 84, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 388 of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, so as to make it unlawful to bet at a game played with dice at any place."

Senator Looney moved to adopt the committee report, which recommended that the bill be passed, with amendments.

The motion was adopted.

Senator Terrell offered the following amendment:

Amend the bill by adding between the words "dominoes" and "or," on line 12, page 2, the word "dice."

(Lieutenant Governor Davidson in the chair.)

Senator Looney moved to table the amendment.

ADJOURNMENT.

Senator Murray here moved that the Senate adjourn until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, which motion was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—15.

Alexander.	Masterson.
Barrett.	Murray.
Chambers.	Paulus.
Faust.	Senter.
Grinnan.	Stone.
Harbison.	Watson.
Hudspeth.	Willacy.
Kellie.	

Nays—13.

Brachfield.	Mayfield.
Cunningham.	Skinner.
Green.	Smith.
Greer.	Stokes.
Harper.	Terrell.
Holsey.	Veale.
Looney.	

Absent.

Meachum.

Absent—Excused.

Glasscock. Griggs.

APPENDIX.

PETITIONS.

By Senator Harbison:

Sherman, Texas, March 4, 1907.

Hon. J. L. Harbison, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir: We, the undersigned business men of Sherman, respectfully protest against the passage of the Robertson Bill, and earnestly request your efforts to defeat it.

Numerously signed.

By Senator Alexander:

To The Honorable Legislature of Texas:

Your undersigned subscribers, citizens of Tarrant county, believe that some legislative action is necessary to check the alarming growth of gambling in futures, and at the same time we do not wish to deprive ourselves of the benefit of market information. We, therefore, respectfully request that you adopt some legislation, such as the McGregor-Watson Bill, now before the Legislature, which will remove gambling from future dealing and leave legitimate features unchanged, which we believe to be beneficial.

Numerously signed.

By Senator Alexander:

To the Honorable Legislature of Texas:

Whereas, The Legislature of the State of Texas makes annual appropriations to the department of animal husbandry of the A. & M. College for the purpose of purchasing stock to be maintained for use in teaching, and,

Whereas, They make annual appropriations for the accommodation of stock and maintenance thereof, and,

Whereas, They make appropriations for feeding and experiments with this stock in various ways, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we urgently request that the Legislature appropriate for each of the years 1907-08 and 1908-09, \$10,000.00 for the purchase of stock to be maintained for use in teaching, \$2500.00 for providing accommodations for stock and the maintenance thereof and \$5000.00 for feeding experiments to be planned by a board consisting of the director of the experiment station, the professor of animal husbandry and one member from each of the live stock associations in the State, these to be named by the presidents of the associations, making a total appropriation for the live stock branch of the A. & M.

College, of \$17,500.00 for each of the years 1907-08 and 1908-09.

Numerously signed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

(Floor Report.)

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 5, 1907.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Privileges and Elections, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 64, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 114 of Chapter 11 of the Acts of the First Called Session of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Texas, entitled 'An Act to regulate the elections and to provide penalties for its violation and to repeal the Acts of the Twenty-eighth Legislature of 1903, regulating elections, and to provide penalties for its violation and to repeal the Acts of the Twenty-eighth Legislature, regulating elections, general, special and primary and political conventions, approved April 1, 1903; Chapter 3, Acts of the Second Called Session of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Texas, being an act to amend Section 120 of Chapter 11 of the Acts of the First Called Session of the Legislature of the State of Texas, regulating elections,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

Skinner, Chairman; Green, Alexander, Senter.

(Floor Report.)

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 6, 1907.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 243, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating Lubbock Independent School District, in Lubbock county, Texas, defining its boundaries; providing for the election of a board of trustees thereof, and defining their duties, powers and authorities; authorizing said board of trustees to levy, assess and collect a tax of not exceeding fifty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of all property in said districts," etc.

Have had the same under consideration, and beg to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed, and that said bill be amended by substituting the

following as a caption therefor, in lieu of the caption now a part of said bill.

Senate bill No. 243, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating Lubbock Independent School District in Lubbock county, Texas; defining its boundaries, providing for a board of Trustees thereof, and defining their powers and authority; authorizing said board of trustees to levy, assess and collect a tax, not exceeding one-half of one per cent on a one hundred dollar valuation of all property in said district, and providing for an emergency."

Barrett, Chairman; Harper, Meachum, Green, Paulus, Kellie, Grinnan.

(Floor Report.)

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 6, 1907.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

House bill No. 423, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize and permit the territory situated within the bounds of the town of Claude in the county of Armstrong, and State of Texas, and other lands and territory adjacent thereto, to incorporate as an independent school district, for free school purposes only, to be known as the Claude Independent School District, with all the powers, rights, and duties of independent school districts formed by incorporations of towns and villages, for free school purposes only,"

Have had the same under consideration, and beg to report same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

Barrett, Chairman; Meachum, Paulus, Kellie, Grinnan, Harper, Green.

(Floor Report.)

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 6, 1907.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, the undersigned members of your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 246, A bill to be entitled "An Act for the relief of railway corporations having charters granted or amended since the first day of January, 1906, and which have failed or are about to fail to construct their roads and branches, or any part thereof, within the time required by law,"

Have had the same under consideration, and beg to report it back to the

Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

Brachfield, Chairman; Looney, Faust, Green, Meachum, Willacy, Alexander, Masterson, Senter, Mayfield, Skinner.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 6, 1907.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

House bill No. 128, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Subdivisions one (1), five (5), six (6), eight (8), eleven (11), twelve (12), thirty-one (31), thirty-three (33), thirty-five (35), thirty-eight (38), thirty-nine (39), fifty-one (51), fifty-five (55), fifty-nine (59), and to amend Subdivisions thirteen (13) of Section one (1) of an act entitled 'An Act to amend Article 5049, Chapter one (1), Title one hundred and four (104) of the Revised Civil Statutes relating to general occupation taxes,' Chapter eighteen (18) of the Acts of the First Special Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, relating to taxes on certain occupations,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

WILLACY, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 6, 1907.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

House bill No. 87, A bill to be entitled "An Act declaring that persons, firms and corporations who sell intoxicating liquor without first procuring license and paying all taxes due, and who engage in selling, dispensing, taking orders for, prescribing the use of, or peddling intoxicating liquor contrary to the provisions of this act in counties and precincts wherein the sale of intoxicating liquor has been prohibited by law, to be creators and promoters of a public nuisance; provided that such persons may be restrained by writs of injunction, and in certain cases that license may be revoked; that this act shall be cumulative, prescribing methods of procuring testimony, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

WILLACY, Chairman.

(Floor Report.)

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 6, 1907.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

House bill No. 150, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 1538, Title XXXII, Chapter 2, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relative to the powers and duties of the county commissioners court, and authorizing the levy of a tax of not exceeding 15 cents on the \$100 valuation to pay jurors, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and that it be not printed.

Willacy, Chairman; Meachum, Green, Barrett, Faust, Harper, Paulus, Master-son, Stokes, Skinner.

(Floor Report.)

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 6, 1907.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the following resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2, Whereas, The Democratic party in Texas, in convention assembled in the city of Dallas, on the 15th day of August, A. D. 1906, adopted the following resolution:

Resolved by the Democrats of Texas in convention assembled, That it recommend to the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Texas to make appropriate provision for the purchase of the papers, correspondence and books of historic importance left by our distinguished and patriotic citizen, Judge John H. Reagan, and now belonging to his estate; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of Texas, the House concurring, That the sum of \$10,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State treasury not otherwise appropriated to carry out said resolution and secure such of said papers, correspondence and books as can be secured from the estate or family of Judge John H. Reagan, deceased,

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it

back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Willacy, Chairman; Skinner, Meachum, Green, Paulus, Barrett, Murray, Stokes, Faust.

(Floor Report.)

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 6, 1907.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 219, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Subdivision sixteen (16) of Article 642 of Chapter one hundred and thirty (130) of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, entitled 'An Act to amend Articles 641 and 642, Chapter 2, Title XXI, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to corporations,' and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and we report same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

Stone, Chairman; Grinnan, Harper, Chambers, Green, Veale, Paulus, Senter, Meachum.

(Floor Report.)

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 6, 1907.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 6, Permitting Hon. H. G. Hendricks, judge of the Thirty-first Judicial District, to absent himself from the State of Texas during the summer of 1907,

Have had the same under consideration, and report same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

Stone, Chairman; Senter, Skinner, Grinnan, Harper, Chambers, Master-son, Veale, Green, Paulus.

(Floor Report.)

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 6, 1907.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred

House bill No. 396, A bill to be entitled "An Act to restore, to confer upon the county court of Frio county, the

civil and criminal jurisdiction belonging to such court under the Constitution and General Statutes of the State, to conform the jurisdiction of the district court of said county to such change, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act, so far as relates to Frio county,"

Have had the same under consideration, and we report same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Watson, Chairman; Harper, Barrett, Willacy, Hudspeth, Murray.

(Floor Report.)

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 6, 1907.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 178, A bill to be entitled "An Act to re-organize the fifth judicial district of Texas and conform the seventh and eighth judicial districts thereto, and prescribing the time of holding court in the counties composing said districts and validating process,"

Have had the same under consideration, and we report same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

Watson, Chairman; Veale, Murray, Barrett, Harper, Willacy, Hudspeth.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 5, 1907.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 226, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend 'An Act imposing an annual occupation tax, upon each office or place kept and maintained by express companies in this State, at which intoxicating liquors legally deliverable are delivered upon payment of purchase money therefor; providing a penalty for failure to pay such tax; and declaring an emergency,' passed and enacted at the present session of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved 12th day of February, 1907, so as to add thereto Section 2a, relieving such companies from keeping, operating or maintaining offices at which intoxicating liquors are deliverable upon the payment of the purchase price therefor, and further relieving such companies from any obligation to

receive, transport, or deliver any intoxicating liquors to be paid for on delivery,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

CUNNINGHAM, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 5, 1907.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 184, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 4 of Chapter 86 of the Acts of the Twenty-eighth Legislature, relating to wolves and other wild animals, and providing for the destruction thereof; placing Bosque county under the provisions of this law, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

CUNNINGHAM, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 5, 1907.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 263, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend the charter of the city of Galveston by amending Sections 10, 24, and 51 thereof, Subdivision (f) and Subdivision (a) of Section 19 thereof, Subdivision (u) of Section 3 thereof, Subdivision (b) of Section 34 thereof, Sections 74, 54, 44, 78, 32, and Subdivision (a) of Section 71 and adding to said chapter Section 20 (a), Section 71 (b), Section 71 (c) and Section 71 (e), repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

CUNNINGHAM, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 5, 1907.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 18, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for acquiring by purchase or condemnation about fourteen acres of land, being a part of and adjoining the San Jacinto battle grounds, and fronting upon the navigable waters of Buffalo Bayou, and providing for fencing, beautifying and improving the lands of the San Jacinto battlefield, now owned or hereafter ac-

quired by the State of Texas, the same to be designed by name as, 'San Jacinto State Park;' making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency."

And find the same correctly engrossed.
CUNNINGHAM, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 5, 1907.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 65, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a State Text-Book Board and to procure for use in the public free schools of the State of Texas a series of uniform text-books; defining the duties of certain officers therein named; making an appropriation therefor; defining certain misdemeanors; providing for a bond for the faithful performance of the contract, and to cover liquidated damages for fraud or collusion, and authorizing the Attorney General to bring suit therefor; and providing penalties for violations of the provisions of this act,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
CUNNINGHAM, Chairman.

FORTY-FOURTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas,
Thursday, March 7, 1907.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

President Pro Tem. Skinner in the chair.

Roll call, quorum present, the following answering to their names:

Alexander.	Kellie.
Barrett.	Looney.
Brachfield.	Masterson.
Chambers.	Mayfield.
Cunningham.	Meachum.
Faust.	Murray.
Glasscock.	Paulus.
Green.	Senter.
Greer.	Skinner.
Griggs.	Smith.
Grinnan.	Stokes.
Harbison.	Stone.
Harper.	Terrell.
Holsey.	Veale.
Hudspeth.	Willacy.

Absent.

Watson.

Prayer by Rev. H. M. Sears, Chaplain of the Senate.

Pending the reading of the Journal of

yesterday, on motion of Senator Harbison, the same was dispensed with.

(See Appendix for committee reports, petitions and memorials.)

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Mayfield:

Senate bill No. 254, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1, of Article 1093, Title XV of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, so as to provide for the payment of any witness who may have been recognized, subpoenaed or attached and given bond for his appearance before any grand jury out of the county of his residence to give testimony in a criminal case, and who shall appear in compliance with the obligation of such recognizance or bond."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Senator Stokes:

Senate bill No. 255, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 5, Title CII, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1895, as amended by the Acts of 1899, by amending Article 5001c, as enacted by the Twenty-ninth Legislature of 1899, relating to the mode of preventing certain animals from running at large in counties or in subdivisions thereof, so as to provide relief for enclosed land owners in cases where such land adjoins territory in which a stock law is enforced, and providing an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

Morning call concluded.

HOUSE MESSAGE.

Hall of the House of Representatives.
Austin, Texas, March 7, 1907.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bills:

Senate bill No. 162, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the San Saba Independent School District."

House bill No. 476, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the government of the United States to obtain title to land for a National park to be located in the counties of Armstrong and Randall in the State of Texas, and to condemn same, and to define procedure for such condemnation."

House bill No. 508, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient